out obtaining prior written permission of the Governmet, he shall be liable to be removed from the Service.

(4) Government may refuse permission to a member of the Service to contract a marriage with a person other than an Indian citizen if it cosiders that the marriage, if permitted, may prejudicially affect the due and proper performance of the duties of the member of the Service, or the maintenance of friendly relations with a foreign State or in the public interest.

(5) Government may give the member of the Service an opportunity to show cause to the contrary before permission is refused.

(6) In the event of a decision being taken to grant permission to a member of the Service to contract a marriage with a person other than an Indian citizen, the Government may stipuate such conditions as it may deem appropriate including the condition that the foreign spouse should acquire Indian citizenship within a reasonable period of time."

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Agreement between STC and SBI for boosting exports

980. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation and the State Bank of India have signed an agreement/memorandum of understanding to boost exports; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) State Bank of India and State Trading Corporation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote country's international trade. Under the arrangements envisaged in the Memorandum, STC would utilise the services of SBI's global network of foreign branches in its marketing efforts.

Cash compensatory support on Black Pepper

981. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to withdraw cash Compensatory Support on the export of black pepper;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and